GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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NEXUS OF CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WITH SMUGGLERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the nexus of customs officials and smugglers posted at Indo-Nepal border at Champaran, Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of cases which came to the notice of the Government in last three years;

(c) the action taken against the customs officials; and

(d) the amount of customs duty recovered by Champaran post in each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): There is no established case of such a nexus. However, one such suspected case had come to the notice of the Government during the last 3 years, i.e., 1999-2002. Another case has come to the notice during the current financial year. The cases are presently under investigation and suitable action will be taken against the officers, if found involved, on completion of enquiry.

(d): The amount of Customs Duty collected at Land CustomsStation Raxaul (falling in Champaran) during each of the last3 years and the current year upto June 2002 are as follows:-

Year	Amount of Customs Duty collected (Rs. in crores)
1999-2000	52.57
2000-2001	84.91
2001-2002	101.34
1/4/2002-30/6/2002	17.57